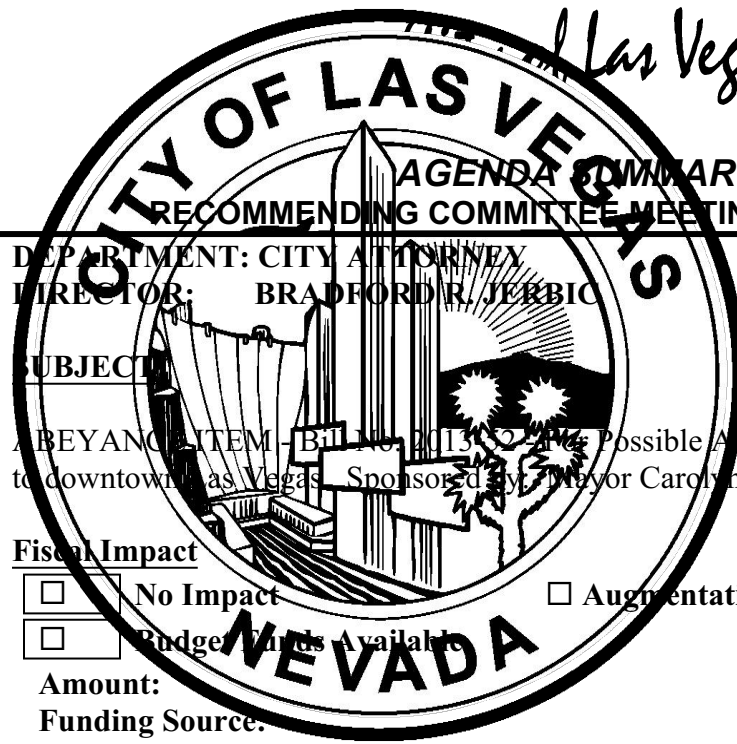




Las Vegas

Agenda Item No.: 3.

AGENDA SUMMARY PAGE

RECOMMENDING COMMITTEE MEETING OF: OCTOBER 1, 2013

DEPARTMENT: CITY ATTORNEY
DIRECTOR: BRADFORD R. JERBIC

☐ Consent ☒ Discussion

SUBJECT:

ABEYANCY ITEM - Bill No. 2013-52-AM: Possible Action - Enacts a separate curfew specific to downtown Las Vegas. Sponsored by Mayor Carolyn G. Goodman

Fiscal Impact

☐ No Impact ☐ Augmentation Required
☐ Budget Funds Available

Amount:

Funding Source:

Dept./Division:

PURPOSE/BACKGROUND:

This ordinance will act to add a new curfew specific to downtown Las Vegas in an area bounded by Eastern Avenue, US 93/95/I-515, I-15 and Sahara Avenue from nine p.m. to five a.m. on Fridays, Saturdays and legal holidays. The ordinance provides an exemption for certain special events within the special curfew area and for other relevant exceptions. This bill will be fast-tracked for consideration at the September 18 City Council meeting.

RECOMMENDATION:

This bill should be submitted to a Recommending Committee for review, hearing and recommendation to the City Council for final action.

BACKUP DOCUMENTATION:

1. Bill No. 2013-52
2. Bill No. 2013-52, First Amendment Submitted at the Recommending Committee Meeting of 9/17/2013
3. Boundary Maps and Boyd Gaming Group Support Letter by Dimitrios Karapanagiotis and Support eMail by Miles Ohye submitted at the Recommending Committee Meeting of 9/17/2013
4. Submitted at Meeting Second Amendment and Support Letter by Sheriff Douglas Gillespie

Motion made by STAVROS S. ANTHONY to Approve as Do Pass as a Second Amendment

Passed For: 3; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 0

BOB COFFIN, RICKI Y. BARLOW, STAVROS S. ANTHONY; (Against-None); (Abstain-None); (Did Not Vote-None); (Excused-None)

NOTE: An initial motion to Reconsider by COFFIN passed unanimously.

Minutes:

COUNCILMAN BARLOW declared the Public Hearing open.

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DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY VAL STEED indicated that the proposed second amendment reflects a change in the boundaries of the proposed curfew. The proposed boundary includes Main Street, Maryland Parkway, Stewart Avenue and Bridger Avenue. He briefly explained Section 5 of the proposed bill, which addresses the penalties for violations.

KAREN COYNE, Chief Officer Public Safety, explained the original proposed boundary area was substantially reduced to now include approximately 2,338 residential properties, of which approximately 134 are under the age of 18. The proposed bill speaks to individuals under 18 years of age.

DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY STEED confirmed for the Committee it was appropriate for them to reconsider this item, although it was not on the agenda as such.

COUNCILMAN COFFIN could understand having the curfew set at 11:00 p.m. rather than 9:00 p.m., given the First Friday events. CAPTAIN SHAWN ANDERSEN, Las Vegas Metros Downtown Area Command, explained that setting the curfew at 9:00 p.m. will allow Metro additional time in being proactive against violence and crime. It mirrors other curfews in the community such as Fremont Street. COUNCILMAN COFFIN called not opposing the 9:00 p.m. curfew, provided the boundary area included Las Vegas Boulevard and going north along the Strip. The Councilman confirmed with CAPTAIN ANDERSEN that the business, Insert Coins, serves liquor and has a tavern license, which prohibits individuals under 21 in their establishment. Monthly meetings are held with representatives from Fremont East Entertainment District, and feedback received has been in support of the proposed 9:00 p.m. curfew.

COUNCILMAN COFFIN briefly discussed with CAPTAIN ANDERSON the ongoing discussions taking place regarding a possible proposed curfew for the Fremont Street Experience for individuals less than 21 years of age. This area is a changing environment, whereby some of the old rules within the ordinance no longer are suitable.

Given the significant changes and clarification within the language of the bill and the fact that there are no services for individuals under 18 years of age in this area, COUNCILMAN COFFIN could support the proposed 9:00 p.m. curfew.

In addressing COUNCILMAN BARLOWS query concerning how this proposed bill will impact the City's overall curfew, which hasn't changed since 1977. MS. COYNE explained that the original section of the bill needs to be brought before this Committee and make the appropriate adjustments on removing some of the language, as well as update the penalty to reflect the penalty defined in this proposal. COUNCILMAN BARLOW asked that the ordinance on the 1977 curfew law be presented to this Committee for review and to make amendments, so that the ordinance mirrors this proposed bill/ordinance, if approved.

COUNCILMAN COFFIN confirmed with DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY STEED that should the City Council approve this proposal on Wednesday, October 2, 2013, it becomes an ordinance and effective that weekend. COUNCILMAN COFFIN submitted a letter of support from Sheriff Doug Gillespie, Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department, for the record.

COUNCILMAN BARLOW declared the Public Hearing closed.